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11. (S) Pol Couns delivered reftel points separately to MOD Arab Affairs Advisor David Hacham and to MFA Deputy Director General for the Middle East and Peace Process Yacov Hadas. Both Hacham and Hadas received the points with great interest, but neither had any substantive response, although Hadas ventured the view that the equipment involved was defensive in nature. As such, he doubted Israel would "have any problem" with the ISF Transition Plan.

12. (S) DATT and ARMA also delivered reftel points to Colonel Shimon Arad, IDF Head of Regional Strategy Department, J-5. Arad was thankful for the information, noting it would be useful.

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